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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POST: VANCE WILL DISCUSS SYRIAN JEWS IN
DAMASCUS

1. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTED FEBRUARY 18 THAT
SECRETARY VANCE PROMISED ISRAELI LEADERS THAT HE WOULD
TAKE UP THE SUBJECT OF SYRIAN JEWS DURING HIS VISIT TO
DAMASCUS.

2. BEGIN TEXT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE
PROMISED ISRAEL LEADERS DURING HIS VISIT HERE THAT HE WOULD
RAISE THE ISSUE OF SYRIAN JEWRY WITH OFFICIALS IN DAMASCUS
ON SUNDAY, THE JERUSALEM POST LEARNED YESTERDAY.

3. SOURCES IN JERUSALEM SAID THAT VANCE SEEMED "WELL
AWARE" OF THE PLIGHT OF SYRIA'S 4,500 REMAINING JEWS,
ESPECIALLY THAT OF THE 400 WOMEN OF MARRIAGEABLE AGE
WHO ARE UNABLE TO FIND JEWISH HUSBANDS AND WANT TO
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4. YA'ACOV TSUR, CHAIRMAN OF THE ISRAEL COUNCIL FOR
JEWS IN ARAB LANDS, TOLD THE POST THAT RUMORS SPREAD
BY KUWAITI AND JORDANIAN PAPERS LAST DECEMBER ALLEGING
A REPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS HAVE PROVED FALSE.

5. "INTERNAL TRAVEL MAY BE SOMEWHAT EASIER FOR JEWS,
AND THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE STOPPED OUTRIGHT
PERSECUTION FOR THE TIME BEING," HE SAID, "BUT THE
COMMUNITY HAS STILL NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE."

6. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS, TSUR NOTED, WERE BASED ON
A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SYRIAN CHIEF OF STAFF AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. "PERHAPS
THE AUTHORITIES SPREAD THE REPORTS MERELY FOR PUBLICITY
OR TO FOSTER BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.," HE SAID.
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